

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-5, 8-10, 20-27, and 37-43 were allowed; claims 17-19, 28, and 33-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious; and claims 29-32 were objected to as being directed toward allowable subject matter but being dependent upon a rejected claim.

Applicants have hereby canceled withdrawn claims 11-15 and rejected claims 17-19.

The subject matter of claim 30, dependent from claim 28, has been incorporated into amended claim 28, and claim 30 has been canceled. Claims 31 and 32, previously dependent from claim 30, have been amended to depend from claim 28.

Claim 29, previously dependent from claim 28, has been rewritten in independent form, incorporating all limitations set forth in claim 28.

Finally, Applicants hereby propose an amendment to the title to better reflect the subject matter of the claims.

By the above amendments, Applicants believe all claims pending in the present application to be in a form suitable for allowance and such is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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